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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2004 applicant makes the following election in response to the restriction requirement.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has subjected this application to restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner has formed two groups of claims, the first, Group I for claims 1-18 drawn to a process and the second Group II for claims 19-21 drawn to an apparatus. The Examiner has asserted that these groups of claims represent distinct inventions and may properly be restricted. Applicants hereby provisionally elect claim Group I directed to claims 1-18 for examination. However, the restriction requirement is traversed. It should be noted, the Commissioner may statutorily require the election of inventions "If two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in one application." In the instant